

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Below the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,788, filed on January 16, 2002, the entirety of which is herein incorporated by reference.

Please amend paragraph 0097, the Abstract, as follows:

[0097] Compositions, methods, devices and kits for use in the calibration of coagulation tests. The control compositions include ~~comprise~~ particles capable of aggregating in plasma and calcium ions which, when mixed with plasma, simulate the behavior of whole blood in a coagulation test. The methods include ~~comprise~~ providing calcium ions and particles capable of aggregating in plasma, combining the particles and calcium ions with plasma to form a control composition, and applying the control composition to a coagulation test. The devices include ~~comprise~~ a container having at least two compartments, with one compartment including particles that promote or induce aggregation of a protein or proteins in plasma, and the other compartment includes a solution of calcium ions. The kits include ~~comprise~~ a control composition including ~~comprising~~ a container of calcium ions, a container of particles capable of inducing aggregation of proteins in plasma, and one or more coagulation test devices.

Please delete blank paragraph 0016.